(c) 4793 metric tonnes of Indian unmanufactured tobacco valued Rs. 25.23 crore was exported to the United States of America (USA) in 2006-07.

(d) The Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ) regime on tobacco imports in USA is restricting market access for Indian tobacco.

(e) The Government has brought up this issue in bilateral discussions on trade with the US Government, Trade Policy Review of USA and other forums for a favourable resolution.

Establishment of Super-SEZs

2324. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalized plans for Super-SEZs which involve a specially delineated area of 250 square kilometres;

(b) what are the gains from Super-SEZs, covering 2.5 lakh acres;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government will have to acquire the land for private SEZ operators;

(d) whether public opinion has been sought on such Super-SEZs; and

(e) the steps proposed to review this plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) to (e) There is no proposal for any Super-SEZ scheme. However, as one of the initiatives towards providing quality infrastructure in order to encourage manufacturing growth in the country, Government has notified, policy regarding Petroleum, Chemicals and Petrochemicals Investment Regions (PCPIR). The PCPIR could include one or more SEZs, industrial parks, growth centres etc. which will attract investments and generate direct and indirect employment. As regards, land acquisition for private SEZ operators the State Governments have been advised that no such proposal would be considered for approval as SEZ where the State Government has compulsorily acquired or proposes to compulsorily acquire land after 5th April, 2007.

Establishment of industrial parks in Sikkim

2325. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of industrial parks set up in the States of North Eastern Region particularly in the State of Sikkim during the year 2006-07;

(b) whether Government are contemplating to establish such parks in Sikkim during the current year; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the funds allotted for the same?